The participation of history in transitional justice processes has tended to be one of setting the record straight by providing objective evidence about past violent events. As such, it is tied to conventional notions of history as linear, progressive, and centered in nation-states. This presentation showcases Historias para lo que viene, a public history project which posits that history can do much more than that: it can be a forward-looking endeavor that combines critical inquiry with radical action.

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